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WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1890.

TWO CENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICES. M'KENDREE M.E. CHURCH, MASS. AVE. bet. 9th and 10th sts. n.w.—Revival services THIS EVENING at 7:30 o'clock. ja20-5t

HAVING LEASED THE PREMISES ADtoining ours now occupied by the Fair and as
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of \$1.25 per share will be payable on the 27th day of
January, 1890, to the stockholders of record at the
close of business on the 17th day of January, 1890, at
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REAL ESTATE BROKER. MONEY TO LOAN ALWAYS ON HAND. FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING n30-2m COR. 7TH ST. AND LOUISIANA AVE. SERIAL SAVINGS AND BUILDING AS-

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js24-3t NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

JOHN M. MITCHELL et al. vs. THOMAS E. DANT,

JOHN M. MITCHELL et al. vs. 11000.

No. 11920. In equity.

In pursuance of the provisions of a decree passed in the above entitled cause notice is hereby given to the creditors of the late Susannah Sherman Kee, deceased, to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, in the office of the auditor of said court, within 30 days from the THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1890.

BENJ. F. LEIGHTON, OSCAR NAUCK.

Trustees.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Louis W. Ritchie v. Rebecca Jones et al.

No. 11214. Equity Doc. 28.

This cause being referred to me to report the distribution of the proceeds of sale of certain real estate of which Elizabeth Duffy, late of the said District, died seized, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of the Elizabeth Duffy that I shall proceed to execute the said order of reference on WEDNESDAY the TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1890, at ONE O'CLOCK P.M. at my office in the United States court house.

JAS. G. PAYNE, Ja24-law3w.

Auditor.

The transfer books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th of January inclusive.

Samuel M. Byean, President.
CHARLES G. BEEBE, Treasurer.
Washington, D.C., January 11, 1890. ja14toja27in

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Surance Company for the District of Columbia suring year will be held at the office of the Company, 1505 Pa. ave. n.w., Monday, February 24, 1890. Polis praphy and designing.

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THIS IS NOTICE THAT I WILL NOT PAY Debts of any Character or Description no baryained or contracted for by myself personally, ja24-3t P. H. Folsom. A DISCUSSION OF THE LOCAL SUNDAY
Bill—A public meeting for the impartial
discussion of this bill, now before Congress, will be
held at the Rink, on New York avenue, between 13th
and 14th sts., TUESDAY EVENING, January 28, at
7:30. Prominent citizens have been asked to speak
both for and against the bill. Speakers from elsewhere
will also be present.
All public-spirited men and women should come.
ja24-2t

LUCY WEBB HAYES MEMORIAL TEM-PLE ASSOCIATION will hold a meeting at Willard's Hotel SATURDAY the 25th at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton and other prominent women will speak. It* CARRIE HARRISON, chairman Ex. Com. THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART will be open to the public, free, from half past seven until ten o'clock on Friday evening, January 31. By order of the Board of Trustees.

F. S. BARBARIN, Curator.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FRANKLIN INSURANCE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,
At the close of business December 31, 1889.

Bank Stocks and other District Securi-

ties.
Real Estate Secured Loans.
Stock Notes Endorsed. Real Estate
Office Furniture and Fixtures.
Fremiums Due and in Course of Collec-**\$**334.603.04 LIABILITIES: Capital .. nsurance Reserve....

\$334,603.04 DANIEL B. CLARKE, President. DIRECTORS:

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L. FORTER MORSE.

District of Columbia, ss:
Tersonally appeared I. FENWICK YOUNG, Secretary, who made oath in due form of law that the above is a correct and true report of the condition of the Franklin Insurance Company of Washington, D.C., on the 31st day of December, 1889.

L. FENWICK YOUNG, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 1890.
BRENTON L. BALDWIN, ja23-3t

ALL NEW YORK REPUBLICANS IN THE

ALL NEW YORK REPUBLICANS IN THE city are requested to attend meeting of State Association in Grand Army hall next FRIDAY EVENING. Hon, John M. Farquhar and others of the state delegation will address meeting.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

OF THE
RIGGS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
(Incorporated May 31, 1883),
At the Close of Business December 31, 1889.

RESOURCES.		1
Cash on hand		
Loans on collateral	3,000	00
Bills receivable	150	00
Accrued interest	2,216	63
Accraed rent. Premiums in course of collection	316	60
	128,004	68
TIABITITIES		

.\$100,000 00 Keinsurance reserve..... Net surplus .. 5,500 00 .. 22,504 68 \$128,004 68

FRANCIS B. MOHUN, Secretary.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of
January, 1890. [Seal] HARRY C. BIRGE.
Notary Public.
M. W. BEVERIDGE,
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WM. S. THOMPSON,
Vice President.

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FRANCIS B. MOHUN,
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OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY,

JANUARY 17, 1890.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of this company, No. 413 10th st. n.w., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1890, for the election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year.

Polls open at 12 o'clock m, and close at 1 o'clock CHAS, B. BAILEY, ja17-14t

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James L. Barbour,
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John Joy Edson,
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BROOKLAND PROPERTY OWNERS, ATtention!—A meeting for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Brookland Building
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EVENING, January 27, at 7:30 o'clock. ja23-3t THEREFORE BE SAFELY RECOMMENDED FOR MEDICINAL USE. ITS HIGH COLOR IS DUE TO THE IRON PRESENT. "WM. P. TONRY, Ph.D., Chemist."

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

EDISON'S SYSTEM CHALLENGED.

THE EDISON SYSTEM OF INCANDESCENT ELECTRIC LIGHTING CHALLENGED AS DANGEROUS BY THE UNITED ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND THE UNITED STATES ILLUMINATING COM, PANY, WHO OFFER, IN AN OPEN LETTER, TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATORS FOR IN-

An open letter, of which the following is a copy, was sent on Friday, December 20, to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company by the United Electric Light and Power Company and the United States Illumin-

BY THEM.

ating Company: OFFICE OF THE UNITED ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, 59 LIBERTY ST.,

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1889. To the President of the Edison Electric Illumi Company of New York:

DEAR SIR: You have for some time, by sending you officers and agents to our customers with incorrec through your agents and paid agitators grossly income rect and even absolutely false information, been atempting to prejudice the public against the converter system of incandescent lighting as used by us in this city. You have even gone so far as to attempt to influence the Board of Health against us. We are opposed to any warfare except that which is open and straightforward, and therefore to settle the question to the satisfaction of the insurance companies, the users of incandescent lights and the bewildered public we make the following challenge:

We challenge your company to a full and careful investigation of the relative economy and safety to the customer of the direct current three-wire system of incandescent lighting as used by your company and the Westinghouse converter system used by us; the investigation to be conducted by a board of seven experts, three to be chosen by each side and the seventh by the six so chosen; one on each side to be familiar with insurance matters and the others practical elec-

We expect to prove by such an investigation:

1st. That conductors carrying high-tension alter nating currents have been and can be safely and suc cessfully operated under ground.

2d. That the Westinghouse converter system, as placed on the premises of each of our customers serve reduces the current of the street mains to a harmless current, usually of 50 volts, or one-fourth the intensity of the current introduced into the premises of the

consumer under your system. 3d. That the converter or transformer, accomplishng as it does a complete separation of the currents inhe street from the wires on the premises of the con-

ighting. 4th. That under our system the quantity of current sed by the consumer can be measured by our meter with the greatest accuracy, and that the measure

With regard to the Edison system we expect

1st. That the Edison underground system is danger ous in the extreme because of its leakage, which may have been caused by that system in this and other

2d. That your business can only be rendered safe and the great fire risk incident to its use removed by the adoption of the converter or transformer system 3d. That your company has no meter which is reiable, and that as a result its bills rendered to its cus-

tomers are largely a matter of guesswork. We will be glad to submit to the committee any other questions as to the relative merits of the two systems which you would wish to have investigated.

In order that our position may not be misundersto by the public we have sent copies of this letter to the daily papers for publication. We do not fear publicity as we feel confident that the converter system, which has come into almost universal use in Europe, to th virtual exclusion of the Edison direct-current system will not suffer from a fair investigation by fair-minde

THE UNITED ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER CO., THE UNITED STATES ILLUMINATING CO.

men. Very respectfully yours,

ASSIGNEE SALE.

The Stock of Men's Furnishing Goods and Hats contained in Store 1223 F st. n.w. must positively be turned into money before February 1. No recard for cost or value. Now's your opportunity for granuing has seated. AARON BRUNN, Assignee, 1223 F st. n. w.

THE LAST WEEK, MEN! This is the last week I can take orders for the Black and Navy Blue Cheviot Suits at \$22. It is no price at all for these desir-able and popular Suitings. G. WARFIELD SIMPSON, Expert in Trousers and Suits, Cor. 9th and G sts. n.w. ja23

ATTENTION, REPUBLICAN INVINCIbles!—A Special Meeting Republican Invincibles. Washington D.C., will be held at hall on Pa. ave.
THIS EVENING at 7:30 to make arrangements to
attend the funeral of our late president, Dr. E. A.
Adams. DONALD McCATHRAN, First Vice President. GEO. FORDHAM, Secretary. ja23-6t*

COAL AND WOOD.
White Ash Stove, \$5.30; Egg, \$5; Nut. \$4.95; Shamokin Stove, \$5.55; Red Ash Stove, \$5.70; Lykens Valley Stove, \$6. Sawed and Split Wood, \$6 per cord. Sawed and Split Baker's Pine, \$6 per cord. Qelivered to any part of the city. Orders by mail promptly filled.

122-61* P. R. PULMAN, cor. 12th and C sts. n.w.

THE INDEPENDENT ICE COMPANY desire to inform Brewers, Butchers and other large consumers of ice that we are now prepared to furnish large quantities of Ice at the usual low rates for this season of the year. C. B. CHURCH, ja22-3t

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GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TODAY.-Internal evenue, \$378,962; customs. \$795,763. No Bond Offers were received at the department today up to 1 o'clock. THE CABINET MEETING TODAY was attended by all the members, including Secretary Blaine, who has resumed all his official duties.

RESIGNED.-Passed Assistant Engineer Wm. L. Cathcart, U.S.N., has resigned, to take effect

INTERNAL REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.-Francis C. Hannon has been appointed store keeper and gauger in the first district of California and D. M. Beam same in fifth district of North THE SAMOAN TREATY.—The publication of the

Samoan treaty in Berlin has led to its denunci-

ation by the German press of both parties. Dispatches received here say that radical Pensions for District People.-Pensions have been granted to residents of the District of Columbia as follows: Original invalid. Arthur B. Prudden, Philip Garnett; increase

Joseph Larng, Geo. B. Abrams; reissue, Richard Hopkins, deceased; Mexican survivor, Augustus

L. Case; original widows, &c., Margareta R., widow of Angelo Jackson. Among the Presidents Callers Today were Senators Quay, Colquitt, Pettigrew, Blackburn and Ransom, Representatives McComas, Dorsey, Joseph and Darlington, ex-Representative Urner, Postmaster Johnson of Baltimore, S. N. Holmes of Syracuse, N. Smithson of Birmingham, Ala., and a colored delegation from Vir ginia headed by Jos. T. Wilson.

NAVAL ORDERS .- Commander Edwin M. Shepard has been ordered to command the Mohican at Honolulu per steamer of February 8, relieving Commander Jos. B. Coghlan, who is ordered to duty at the Mare Island navy yard. Assistant Engineer Robt. Stewart, jr., has been detached from the New York navy

vard and granted six months' leave of absence. Personal. -F. J. Bradley and wife of Haverhill, Mass., D. J. Davis of San Francisco, Cal., J. J. Wright of Burlington, Vt., and O. H. Howarth of London are at the St. James. Col. Benj. S. Lovell of Boston, Judge Chas. Welde and wife of New York, Col. C. H. Townsend of New Haven, S. C. Edgar of St. Louis and Geo. C. Miller and Touro Robertson of New York are at the Arlington. Gen. Lincoln of Hartford is at Wormley's. G. N. Barrett and H Goldman of New York, D. Sanders of Philadel phia and Count Emile Penzi of Italy are at Welcker's. W. Singerly and W. H. Addick of Philadelphia, J. W. Gibson. Gibson, E. Vernon, A. B. Jenkins and C. Blackford of New York are at the Riggs. Hon. L. Guenther of Oshkosh, Hon. A. M. Jones of Warren, Ill., Hon. C. H. Joyce of Vermont, Lyman C. Dayton of Aberdeen, S. D., J. Dowell and B. H. Sullivan of Huron, Dak., Jas. Boyd Queensboro of North Carolina and Chas. H. Spencer of New York are at the Ebbitt Horace Smith of Philadelphia, DeLancey Shephard of New York, C. Beckwith of Hartford and J. W. Bailie of McKeesport are at Willard's, W. L. Elkins, P. W. B. Widner, E. J. Mathews and B. K. Jamison of Philadelphia, E. G. Bailey A. P. Kelley and wife, Harmon Hendricks and family, Wm. T. Schley and wife of New York, and J. H. Dolliber of Cleveland, O., are at the Normandie. P. H. Shepard of England, Mr. and Mrs. John Jardine of Yonkers, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, D. Stewart, F. W. Meyer and J. T. Colgate and wife of New York are registered at the Arno.

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA. Talks on That Subject Before the Ways

and Means Committee Today. 8. J. Ritchie of Ohio appeared today before the ways and means committee and argued in favor of the free importation of Canadian mineral ores and in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the dominion.

The chairman (having ascertained that Mr. Ritchie was conversant with Canadian matters) inquired what the sentiment was in Canada in regard to annexation.

Mr. Ritchie replied that any sentiment could be found in Canada which anybody wished to fish for. There was a considerable sentiment in favor of reciprocity and by taking the proper course the United States could increase he sentiment. ADOPTED AS A PLATFORM.

Mr. Payne asked as to the feeling toward the Butterworth reciprocity bill. Mr. Ritchie replied that the opposition in the Canadian parliament, numbering about one-third of its membership, had adopted the Butterworth bill as its platform.

In reply to a question by Mr. Carlisle Mr. Ritchie stated that the American interests in Canada were very large.

Mr. Carlisle asked whether Canada would give the United States free coal if the United tates gave her free iron. Mr. Ritchie replied emphatically in the af-

REPRESENTATIVE BUTTERWORTH TALKS.

Representative Butterworth of Ohio adressed the committee in support of his bill or reciprocity with Canada. The object of the measure, he said, was to bring about unre-stricted trade between Canada and the United States and incidentally to settle all disputes growing out of the Atlantic fisheries question. He contended that Canada had as ample power to make the proposed arrangement as the United States had. It was proposed, he said, to enlarge the trade and commerce of the

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AT THE CAPITOL TO-DAY, INTERROGATING NAVAL OFFICERS ADMINISTRATIVE CUSTOMS BILL

Under Consideration in the House Today

THE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Sayers (Tex.), the Senate amendments were concurred in to the House bill to change and fix the time of holding the terms of the United States circuit and district

courts at Austin and Brownsville, Tex. On motion of Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio), the House insisted on its amendment to the Senate bill for the removal of obstructions from the Missouri river, and a conference was ordered. Mr. Walker (Me.), from the committee on commerce reported, and the House passed the Senate bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river within one mile north and one mile south and east of the

mouth of the Kansas river. THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE BILL. The House then went into committee of the whole (Mr. Burrows of Michigan in the chair) for the further consideration of the customs

The pending amendment was that offered by Mr. Bayne (Pa.) to section 15, providing that "during the pending of any controversy or litigation about the amount of duty to be paid by any owner, agent, importer or consignee on any imported merchandise in the courts the merchandise in question shall remain in the govern-ment warehouse and under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, and in all actions brought against the collecte of customs by owners, agents, importers or consignees the plaintiff shall be required to prove before he can recover that said merchandise at the time of trial is in the custody of the gov

MR. BLANCHARD'S CRITICISM. Mr. Blanchard (La.) critiziced the section for the reason that, in his opinion, it took away THE BAYNE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Flower (N.Y.) read a telegram from Charles Landen & Co. of New York protesting against the Bayne amendment.

Mr. Mills (Tex.) supported the Bayne amendment. He spoke in behalf of the tax payer. pocket of the tax payer and paid it with the other to the treasury, he went into the courts and secured a rerating of the duty at a lower rate, thus again taking the money from the tax payer. If the amendment was agreed to and the goods required to be kept in the warehouse pending litigation the tax payer would at any rate be required to pay the duty but once. FRAUDULENT IMPORTERS.

Mr. Carlisle of Kentucky thought that and conservative papers alike call it a "Ger- fraudulent importer, but at the honest importer. A fraudulent importer never wanted to go into court. The amendment was an indirect provision that no honest importer of goods should be allowed to appeal to the courts for the correction of any wrong. Owing to the crowded dockets of the courts decision in an import case might not be ren-dered for three or four years. If, in the meantime, the goods were required to be kept in bond, it would work a hardship on the im-porter. The remedy was for Congress to make ts statutes plain and simple, so that the officers of the government might have no difficulty in construing them and the courts might more diligent in the trial of import cases.

IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL. Mr. McKenna (Cal.) spoke in support of the bill. There was no dispute about the fact that fraud was practiced with system and success. There was no dispute about the fact that this bill would prevent that fraud and provide for an honest administration of the law instead of a corrupt and debasing one. He also favored the Bayne amendment, taken up, and the witness told the court how the There was not a democrat on the floor who could refuse to vote for it if he believed that a tariff duty was a tax on the consumer. No republican who believed that the tariff duty was a benefit to the people could refuse to vote

Mr. Candler (Mass.) did not think that the amendment should be adopted. This was not question for democrats or republicans. He was a republican, but he believed in simplicity and definitiveness.

THE BEEF INVESTIGATION. Throwing Light on the Matter of Freight

Rates in Shipment of Cattle. The meat products investigating committee, of which Senator Vest of Missouri is chairman, resumed its sessions this morning, after an interim of several weeks. The committee has concluded its inquiry into everything was read to him; and, after some minor corexcept the railroad branch of the investigation and the meeting this morning was for the purpose of questioning officers of was for the purpose of questioning officers of court had much of an opinion of the cowie several of the large railroad corporations as to bill. Lieut. Beatty said that he had tossed the rates and facilities governing the transpor-tation of cattle and dressed beef. After this apparently what had been done by the other naval officers present. branch of inquiry is finished Senator Vest will begin the preparation of the report of the com-

THE AGREEMENT OF THE TRUNK LINES. Samuel J. Sloane of New York, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was first called, but he had little knowledge of the detail workings of his road, and he asked that W. S. Sloane, freight manager of the road be called. The latter testified that the cattle cars used by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western were not provided with facilities for watering and feeding live stock. Only one agreement had been made by the road for the transportation of live stock. By this the road paid to another railroad three-fourths of a cent a mile for each car hired from the latter. The company had entered into an agreement with the other trunk lines that cars of cattle companies should not be used by them. His com pany did not give an advantage to one shipper over any other shipper.

IN THE COMBINE John King of New York, president of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad, followed Mr. Sloane. He said his company was in the agreement not to rent out side cat tle cars. The trunk line associations controlled the traffic east of Chicago. Mr. King spoke of the effect the interstate com-merce law had on different lines and suggested that two gentlemen who were better acquainted with the traffic question than he could appear before the committee and give more accurate testimony. It was agreed summon these gentlemen to appear on Thurs-

day next. C. H. Chappele, general manager of the Chicago and Alton railroad, said that his road had made an agreement with other roads as to rates, but this was simply done for harmony of

present and the committee adjourned until Tuesday next, when the hearing will be con-CAPITOL TOPICS.

This concluded the hearing of all witnesse

TO REMIT THE PENALTIES. Mr. Morrow introduced in the House vester-

day a bill providing that the Secretary of the Navy shall be directed to settle the accounts of the government with the Union iron works of San Francisco in connection with the cruiser. "I San Francisco in connection with the cruiser Charleston on a basis of the full contract price without enforcing the penalties, which amount

Peace in Costa Rica. The report published today that a revolution has broken out in Costa Rica is denied by representatives of that country in this city. Cablegrams received lately from Costa Rica say nothing in regard to the supposed revolution.

The Senate yesterday afternoon adjourned

The Court of Inquiry Getting Informa-

tion About Organizations. THE PROCEEDINGS OPENED THIS MORNING-LIEUT. BEATTY TELLS ABOUT "THE LINE OFFICERS"

The court of inquiry appointed by Secretary Tracy to investigate the question of organizations among naval officers in order to enable him to answer Senator Chandler's questions met this morning at 10 o'clock in the room usually occupied by the naval examining board in the basement of the Navy department, The court consists of Commodore Jas. A. Greer, president; Chief Engineer Chas. H. Loring and Pay Director Thos. H. Looker, with Lient. Wm. Stayton, marine corps, as judge advocate. Mr. Loring's trunk. the non-arrival of which caused the delay yesterday, had turned up since the organization and he appeared at the council board resplendent in a brand-new uniform coat, his cuffs bearing four wide bands of gold lace. The formalities of organization having been performed at the short preliminary meeting yesterday the first thing done this morning was the swearing of the court and Stenographer Johns.

LIEUT. BEATTY EXAMINED. As soon as this was concluded the first witness, Lieut, Frank E. Beatty, U.S.N., was called and sworn. Lieut. Stayton conducted the examination.

"Do you know of any formal organizations existing among naval officers for purposes not merely literary or scientific?" was the first question propounded. "I do!" frankly responded the witness. "It is known as the 'line officers' organization."

"Who are the officers?" "Capt. H. L. Howison, president, myself secretary and treasurer, with a committee consisting of the officers and Commanders C. H. Davis and Chester, Lieutenant Commanders C. M. Thomas and Ackley, Lieuts. Meigs and T. B. M. Mason, and Ensigns Chase and Ackerfrom the citizen the right of trial by jury and man. The objects of the organization are denied to him his full right of appeal, though it reserved that right to the government.

primarily, to oppose all legislation that would be prejudicial to the interests of the line, and, secondarily, to properly represent to Congress the nature of any measure regarding the re-organization of the service."

WHAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS DONE. Then, by means of a series of well-directed questions, the court learned that the line If an importer paid a higher rate of duty and then sold his merchandise he made the tax payers pay the duty. Then, when with one hand he had taken the money out of the organization every year just before the meetber, when a meeting was held, that it was an organization every year just before the meeting of Congress. The witness said that no money had been solicited from members of the body to influence legislation, nor had any contracts for the payment of money been solicited, nor any money expended for this purpose or debts contracted. The witness re collected receiving some time ago a contract from ex-Representative Thomas regarding the payment of money upon the condition of the passage of the famous of the passage of the famous Cowie bill and the increase of naval the amendment did not strike at the pay. He knew of a movement other than this, ment wing was turned over to the new state arge of a committee repre branches of the service, which resulted in the preparation of the Phythian bill and two arguments in favor of the passage of this measure Copies, he said, had been sent to officers. A STAFF OFFICER OVERLOOKED.

> At this point Pay Director Looker wanted to know why he had not received a copy, and the examination was interrupted while Lieut. Beatty made his peace by explaining that he had been left to do the work all alone, and that some mistakes, thought, were almost pardonable. Mr. Looker thought it was odd that he was skipped when his name appeared at the head of the list of the pay corps. He seemed to want to know if the papers were sent only to the junior officers of the service. The witness hastened to explain that there was no such in-THE MEETING THAT WAS POSTPONED.

Secretary of the Navy had told him that he did not think it advisable to hold such a meeting at the present time, and so the meeting was indefinitely postponed.
'Has the bill presented to the court by you been changed since the call for the meeting? was asked.

"Yes, in several ways," "Then this paper—this bill—is not really the bill adopted by the committee of representative officers," asked the president.

"Does the line officers' organization employ counsel to further its objects? "Have any unsolicited contributions been re-

ceived?" asked Mr. Loring. "No, sir!" "Then the treasurer is without funds?"

Then there was a period of intense silence while the court thought of some more possible questions, and, finally, the witness' testimony rections, Lieut. Beatty was excused.

Before he went, however, it became quite evident that neither he nor the member of the

COMMANDER CHESTER ON THE STAND.

Commander Colby M. Chester was the next witness called to the stand. His testimony was corroborative of that of Lieut, Beatty, excepting in the fact that he did not know the name of the line officers' organization. He said that he had not attended a meeting of that body for years, although he had performed his duties as a member of the executive committee. In mentioning the objects of the organization he said that he thought the original object was to defend itself against certain aggressions against it which the members believed to exist. Its policy always had been and still was, he thought, to act on the defensive. This answer was not exactly satisfactory to the court, and when the witness was reminded that the investigation was to cover only present organiza-tions he said he believed that the present idea was to benefit the entire naval service. THE MONEY QUESTION.

He knew of no money obtained for the purpose of influencing legislation, but he believed that some money had been obtained as a payment for the retention of legal counsel. At this one of the members of the court moved rather uneasily in his seat, and a voice was raised against the witness telling about his beliefs. Commander Chester said he had received a contract for money payment direct from "a lawyer," whose identity was discovered to be that of Hon. John R. Thomas. He had town up the document as soon as he received torn up the document as soon as he received it, and he thought it was accompanied by a

IN CHARGE OF THE PHYTHIAN BILL. It was learned that the joint committee having in charge the Phythian bill is composed of Medical Inspector Wells, Pay Inspector Tenney, Assistant Engineer Bieg and the witness. This committee, said Commander Chester, was not formed with any idea of influencing legis-lation and had not solicited money or contracts to pay money. It was formed about ten

days ago.

In reply to a question by Mr. Looker the witness said that he knew of no organized movement for the passage of the Cowie bill, and that in fact he believed it was very generally ENSIGN ALGER TELLS WHAT HE KNOWS. Ensign Philip R. Alger was the next witness.

have reason to believe," he said, "that there have reason to believe," he said, "that there is a so-called 'line officers organization,' but I do not know positively. I myself do know of an organization of the ensigns and assistant engineers for the purpose of discussing the question of how best to improve their status. A committee, to which I belong, was appointed to get passed a measure providing for the promotion of ensigns upon examination after ten years' service without waiting for a vacancy. We called on the Secretary, explained our wishes and asked his aid. He said,

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Telegrams to The Star.

RIDDLEBERGER LIES DEAD.

The Famous Readjuster Died Be-

fore the Clouds Rolled By.

THE BLY GIRL EAST OF CHICAGO.

South Dakota Prisoners Making a Queer

Demand for Freedom.

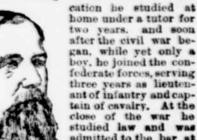
INDEMNITY FOR THE SEIZED SEALERS

SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER DEAD. ORGANIZATION"-HOW IT PROPOSED TO INFLU-After Life's Fitful Fever the Errath ENCE LEGISLATION-OTHER TESTIMONY TODAY. Virginian Enters the Last Sleep.

> Special Dispatch to THE EVENING STAR. WOODSTOCK, VA., Jan. 24.-Ex-Senator Riddleberger died at his home at 2:30 this morn-

> Harrison Holt Riddleberger was born in Edenberg, Shenandoah county, Va., October 4,

1844. After receiving a common school educa-



admitted to the bar at Woodstock, Va., where devoting his time to the law, to journalism first civil office was that R. R. RIDDLEBERGER. OI attorney to held country, which he held two terms, and then served four years each in the Virginia house of delegates and senate. He

has edited three different papers, the Tenth Legion, the Shenandoah Democrat and the Valley Virginian. Until 1875 he was a member of the state committee of the conservative party, but in 1876 was presidential elector on the democratic ticket and in 1880 an elector on the readjuster ticket. In 1881, while commonwealth's attorney and state senator, he was elected to the United States Senate as a readjuster, to succeed John W. Johnson, conservative. Mr. Riddleberger's term expired March 3, 1889, when he was succeeded by John . Barbour, democrat, and he retired again to is home at Woodstock, where he resumed his law practice and newspaper work. In the state campaign last fall he vigorously supported the democratic ticket against his former friend, Gen. Mahone, though not admitting any change of political faith.

INGENIOUS PRISONERS.

South Dakota's Federal Prison Becomes State Property.

Stoux Falls, Dak., Jan. 24.-Considerable excitement was created here yesterday by the announcement that a law firm of this city had made application for the issuance of writs of habeas corpus in the cases of a number of government prisoners now in the state penitentiary. The position taken is a novel one. The prisoners were sentenced to terms in the United

States penitentiary at Sionx Falls. When South Dakota was admitted the governoners all moved into the state nor tion of the prison. The prisoners claim that the government penitentiary has been abolished and that no such place now exists, and that the authorities had no right to turn them over to any other place of imprisonment. The applications were sent to United States District Judge Edgerton, and he

will appoint a time for a hearing and argument

BRITISH COLUMBIA. A Demand for Indemnification for Seizing Sealing Vessels.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 24.-The legislature convened yesterday. The speech from the throne was read by Chief Justice M. B. Begbie, Lient. Gov. Nelson being ill with the grip. The revenue of the last year exceeded The matter of the blighted meeting of naval the estimates by 20 per cent. The outlook for gold mining is promising. Aid for the conofficers to discuss the Phythian bill was then struction of railways to open up the mining districts will be considered. The speech states that "the protection of our people in the exercise of their rights in Behring sea and indemnification for the past has been kept before the dominion government, and although delay has been hurtful to the sealing industry and trying to those who have been deprived of their property there is reason to hope for

speedy settlement."

BLY IN CHICAGO. She is Hustling Along Eastward on the

Pennsylvania Road. CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Nellie Bly arrived at the Union depot shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, two hours ahead of schedule time. At Joilet she was met by a small delegation of representatives of the morning and afternoon papers. Upon her arrival she was driven to the rooms of the Chicago press club, where she held an informal reception until 9:15. In company with the representatives of the World she then breakfasted at Kinsley's, and at 10:30

departed on the Pennsylvania express for New ROW OVER PARNELL

A Rothschild Fights a Duel-Spurgeon's

Gout-Other Foreign News. London, Jan. 24.- The action of the Cork authorities in dissolving the board of guardians in consequence of the passage of a resolution by that body expressing full confidence in Mr. Parnell has raised a breeze which bids fair to assume the magnitude and destructive force of a hurricane. The ostensible reason for the dissolution of the board was its expression of opinion on affairs of political character, but the real reason was that the politics treated of was not of the right stripe. To say that the affair has aroused a feeling of indignation is to put it very mildly, and it will be some time beore the last is heard of it. The board numbered several tories and unionists among its members, and it will be remembered that not members, and it will be remembers, and it will be remembers only were they present when the offending re-colution was passed, but that it received the solution was passed, but that it received the affirmative votes of all those in attendance, despite the turbulent conduct of Dr. Tanner,

which might have been expected to infi votes against it. DUEL PARIS, Jan. 24.-Edouard Rothschild, son of Baron Alphonse Rothschild, became involved in a dispute with Marquis de Guoy. A challenge was sent and accepted, and today the duel was fought. The marquis was wounded.

BOULANGISM. Paris, Jan. 24.—Gen. Boulanger has sent telegram to M. Paul Deroulede and his colleagues in the chamber of deputies, who led the recent revolt in that body when M. Joffrin attempted to speak, congratulating them upon showing themselves to be the real defenders of universal suffrage.

M. Martineau, member of the chamber of deputies, who recently seceded from the Boulangist party, entered a meeting of Boulangists held here last night. He was impediately attached kicked enfled and spit

mediately attacked, kicked, cuffed and spit upon and compelled to sign a resignation of his seat in the chamber. LONDON, Jan. 24.-Advices from Mentone say

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in the case of Mr. Spurgeon and that he is now unable to leave that place.

LISBON, Jan. 24.-A large meeting was held in the Trinity theater last night to start a fund for the national defense. The duke of Pomafor the national defense. The duke of Pomares presided. A committee of 120, consisting of leading citizens and naval and military officers, was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the fund. A number of speeches were made in which England was bitterly assailed for the course she has followed in the dispute with Portugal and the French and Spanish lauded for their sympathy with the Portuguese. A number of subscriptions were made to the fund by persons present of the meeting.